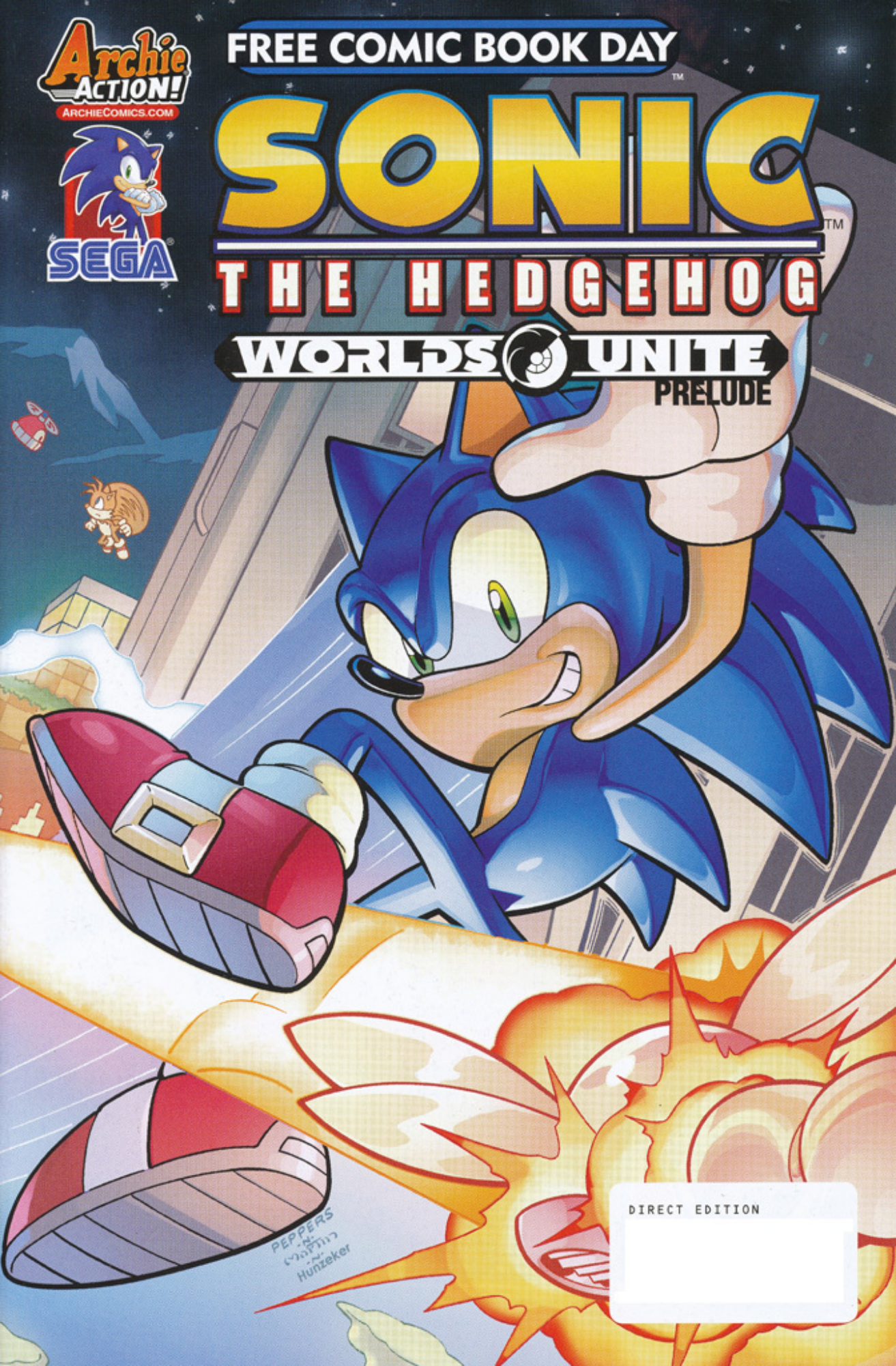
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STOP POKING YOUR NOSE INTO MY BUSINESS! I'VE GOT A SHATTERED WORLD TO CONQUER AND CONTROL, YOU--!

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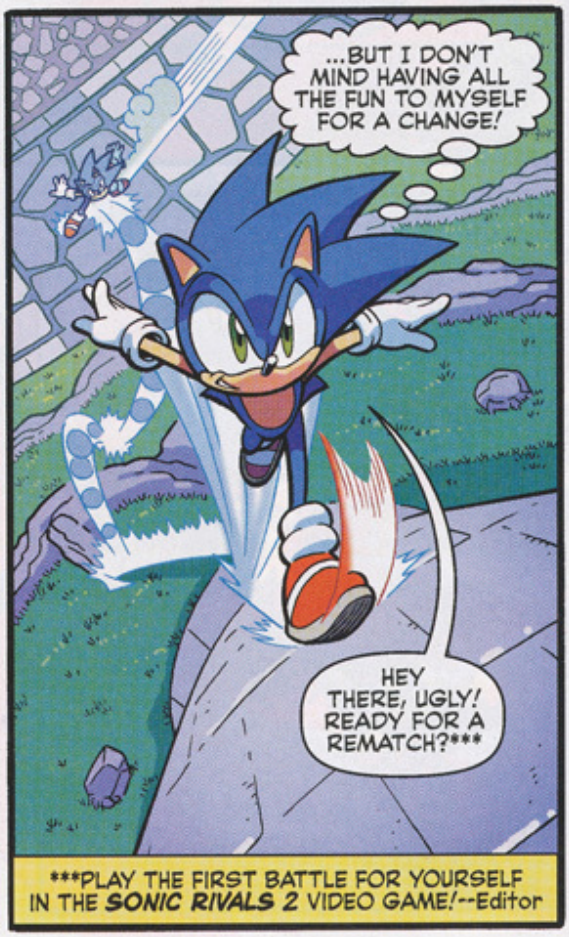

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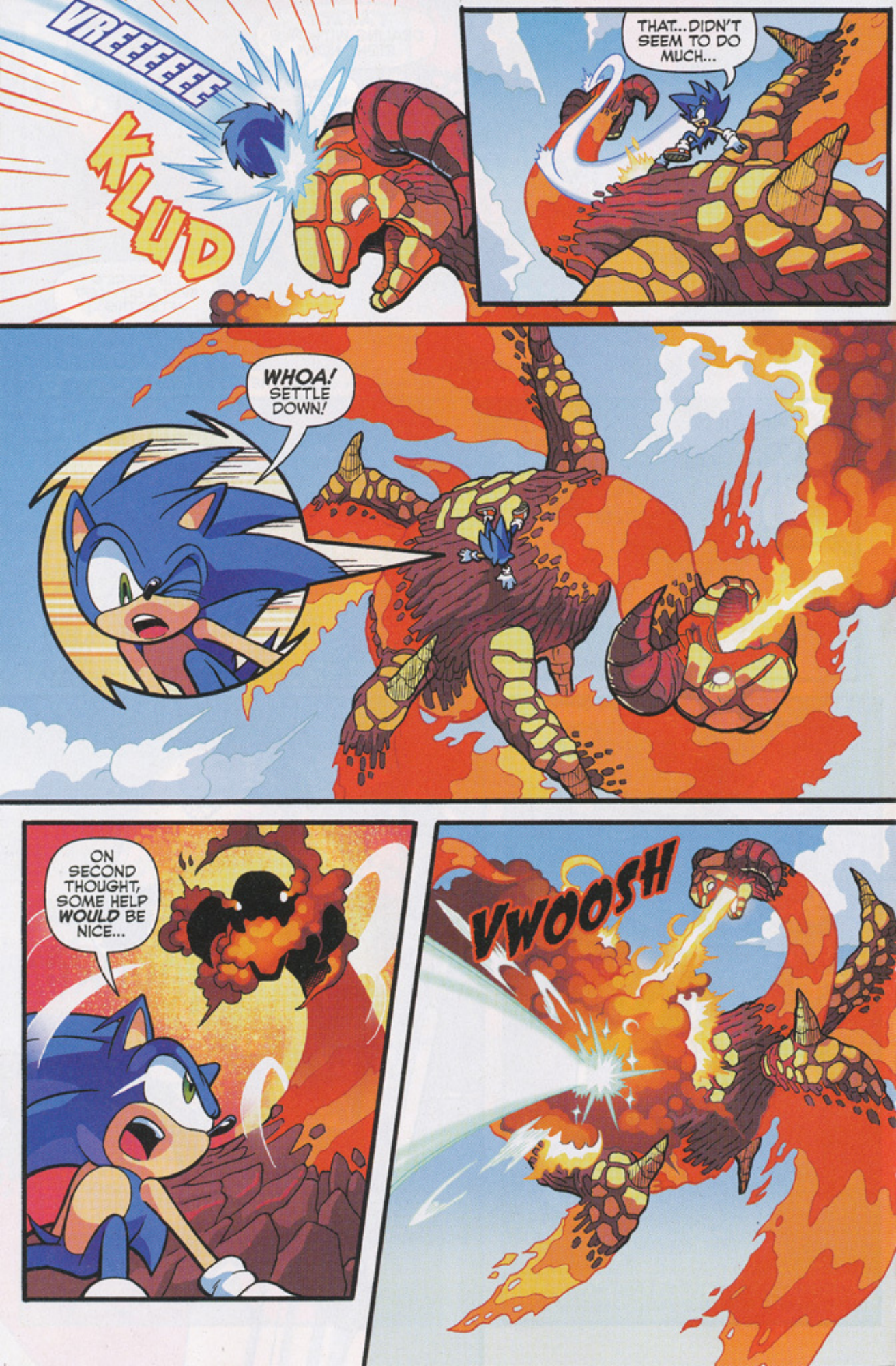
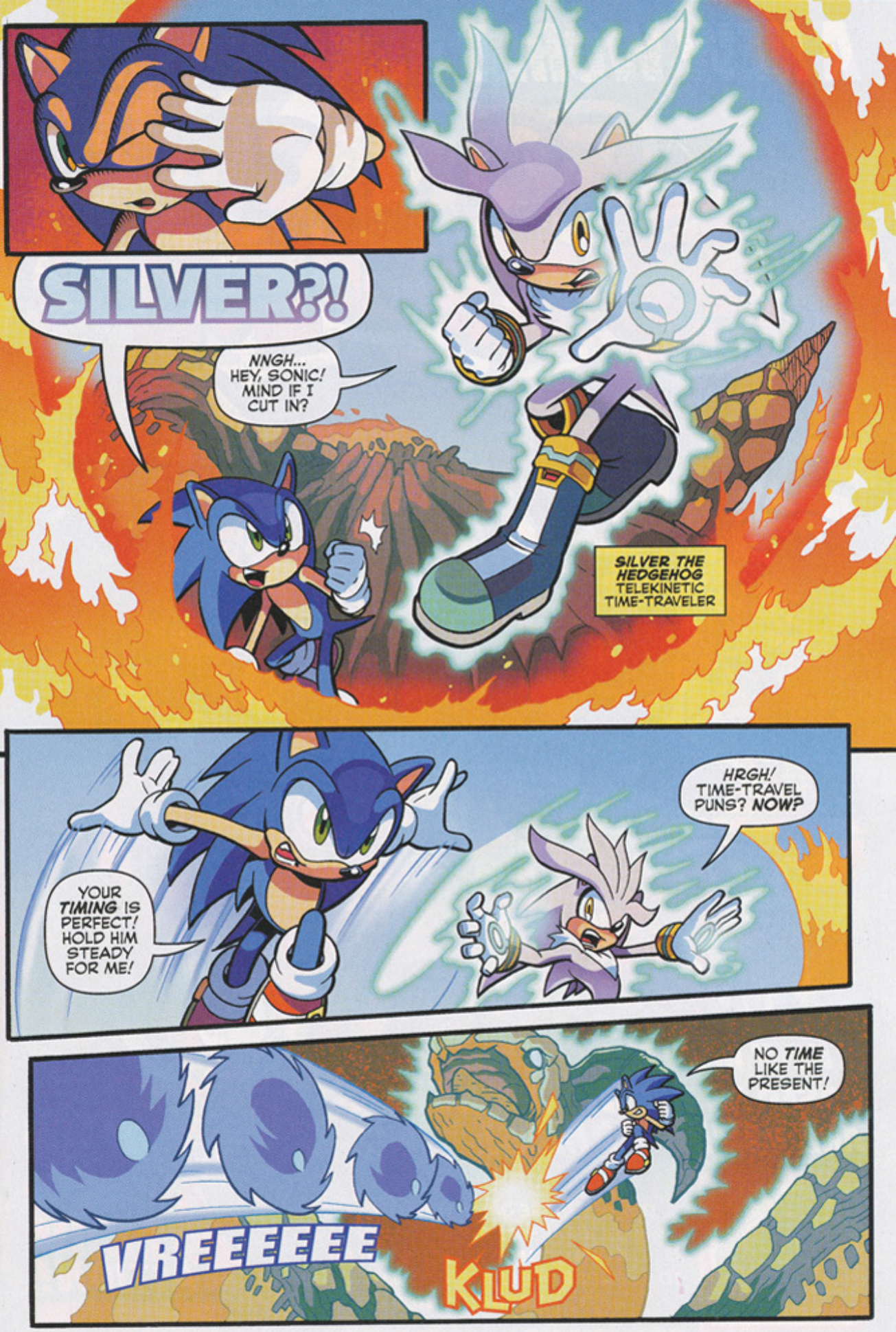

VREEEEE
KLUD
THAT...DIDN'T SEEM TO DO MUCH...
WHOA! SETTLE DOWN!
ON SECOND THOUGHT, SOME HELP WOULD BE NICE...
VWOOSH


SILVER?!
NNGH... HEY, SONIC! MIND IF I CUT IN?
SILVER THE HEDGEHOG
TELEKINETIC TIME-TRAVELER
HRGH! TIME-TRAVEL PUNS? NOW?
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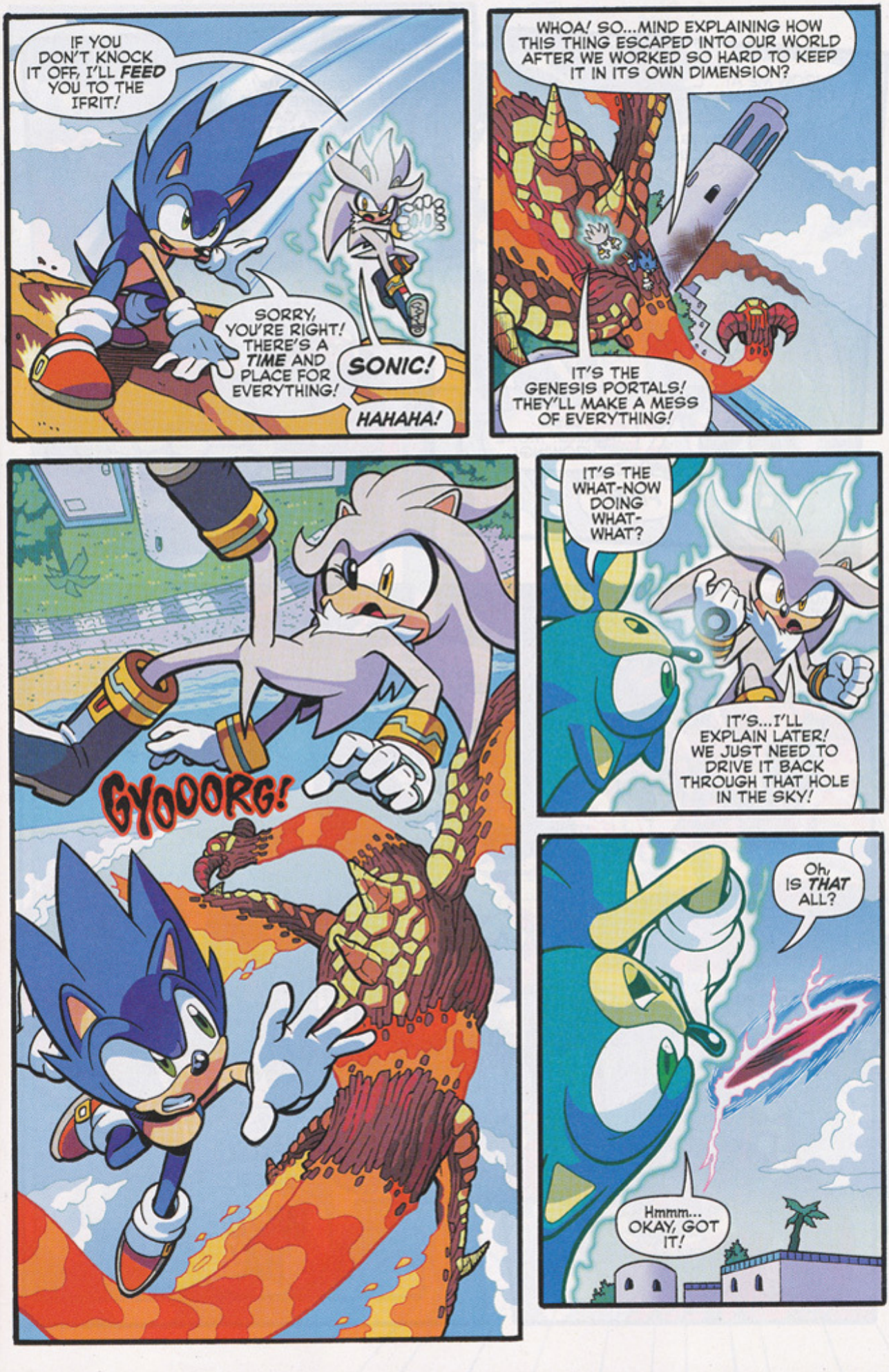
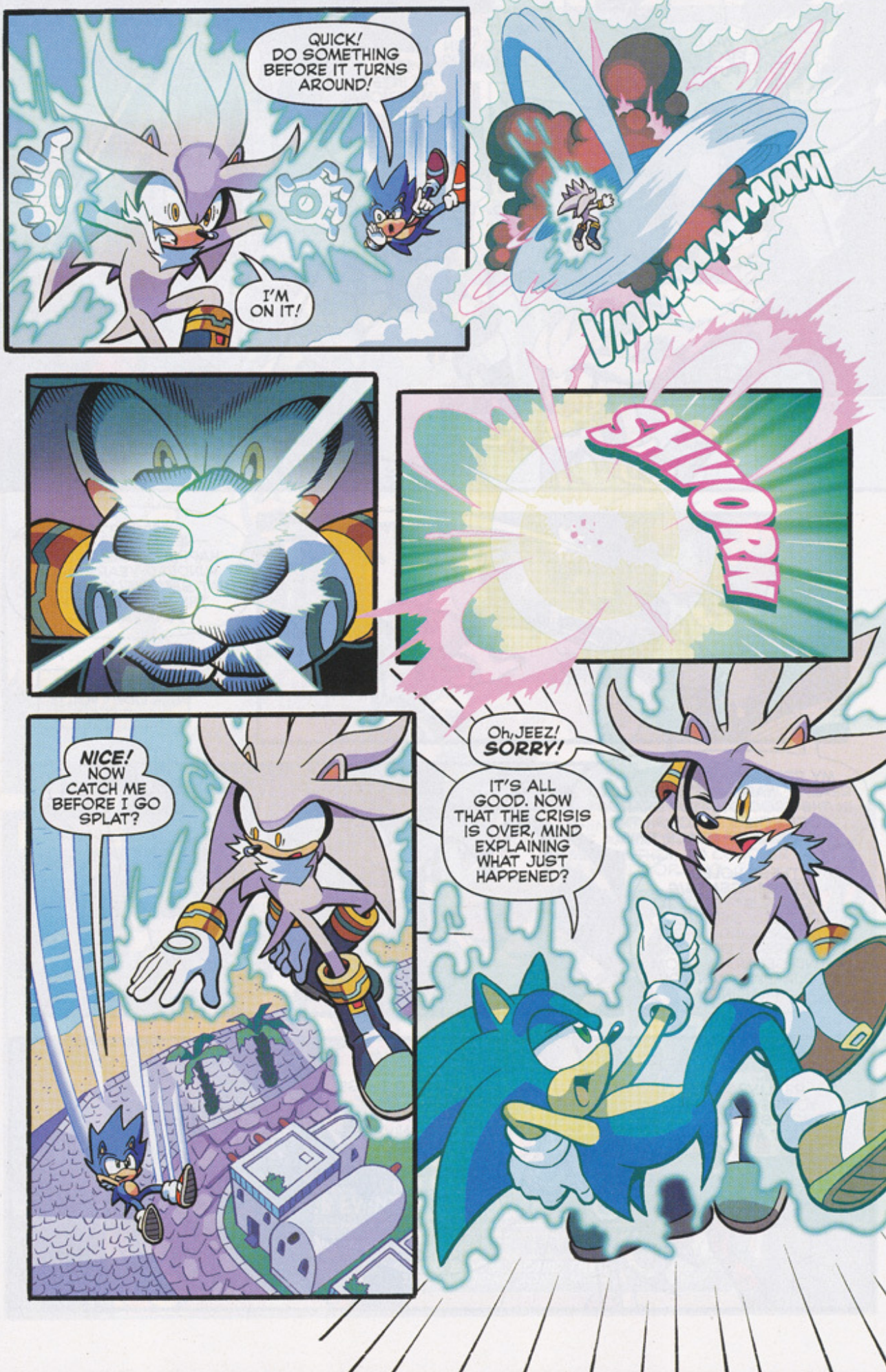
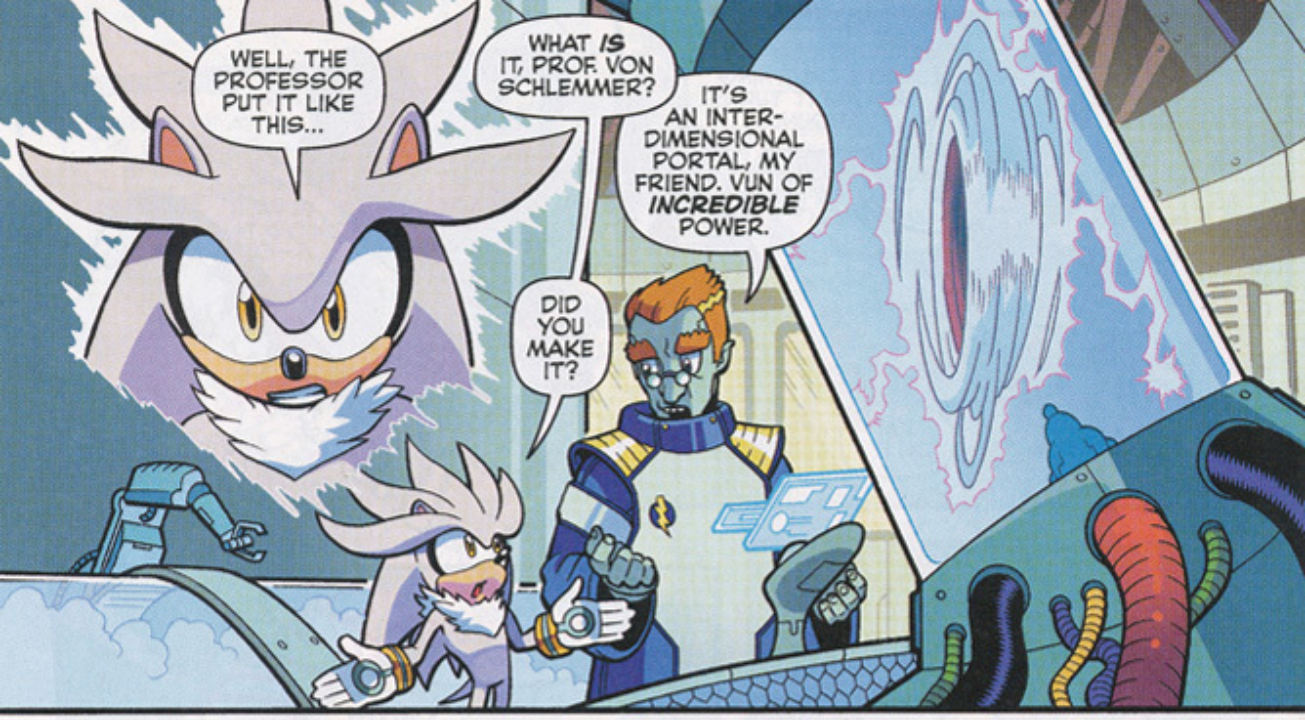
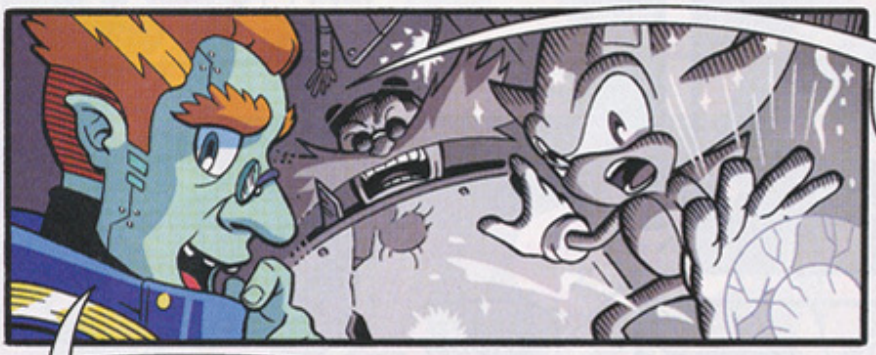

IF YOU DON'T KNOCK IT OFF, I'LL FEED YOU TO THE IFRIT!
SORRY, YOU'RE RIGHT! THERE'S A TIME AND PLACE FOR EVERYTHING!
SONIC!
HAHAHA!
WHOA! SO...MIND EXPLAINING HOW THIS THING ESCAPED INTO OUR WORLD AFTER WE WORKED SO HARD TO KEEP IT IN ITS OWN DIMENSION?
IT'S THE GENESIS PORTALS! THEY'LL MAKE A MESS OF EVERYTHING!
GYOOORG!
IT'S THE WHAT-NOW DOING WHAT-WHAT?
IT'S...I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! WE JUST NEED TO DRIVE IT BACK THROUGH THAT HOLE IN THE SKY!
Oh, IS THAT ALL?
Hmmm... OKAY, GOT IT!

THROW ME AT THE SKY-HOLE THINGIE!
HOW IS THAT GOING TO--?
LESS TALKING! MORE THROWING!
FINE!
HEY, GRUESOME! YOU LIKE FAST FOOD? 'CAUSE I'M AS FAST AS THEY COME!
GYOOORG!
MAN...I DO NOT MISS THIS PLACE...
Ah! MY RIDE IS HERE! THANKS, BUDDY!
CHOMP
WOO-HA!

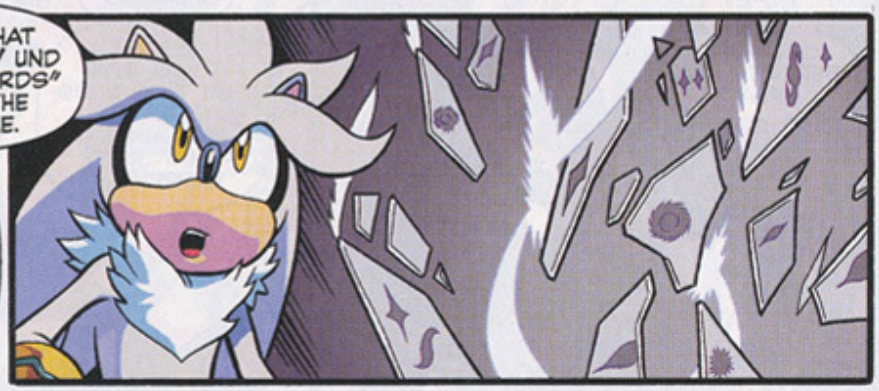

QUICK! DO SOMETHING BEFORE IT TURNS AROUND!
I'M ON IT!
VMMMMMMM
SHVORM
Oh, JEEZ! SORRY!
IT'S ALL GOOD. NOW THAT THE CRISIS IS OVER, MIND EXPLAINING WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
NICE! NOW CATCH ME BEFORE I GO SPLAT?


WELL, THE PROFESSOR PUT IT LIKE THIS...
WHAT IS IT, PROF. VON SCHLEMMER?
IT'S AN INTER-DIMENSIONAL PORTAL, MY FRIEND. VUN OF INCREDIBLE POWER.
DID YOU MAKE IT?



Oooh-hoo-hoo --NEIN! SOMETHING HAPPENED SOME TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO THAT SEVERELY AFFECTED THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE!*

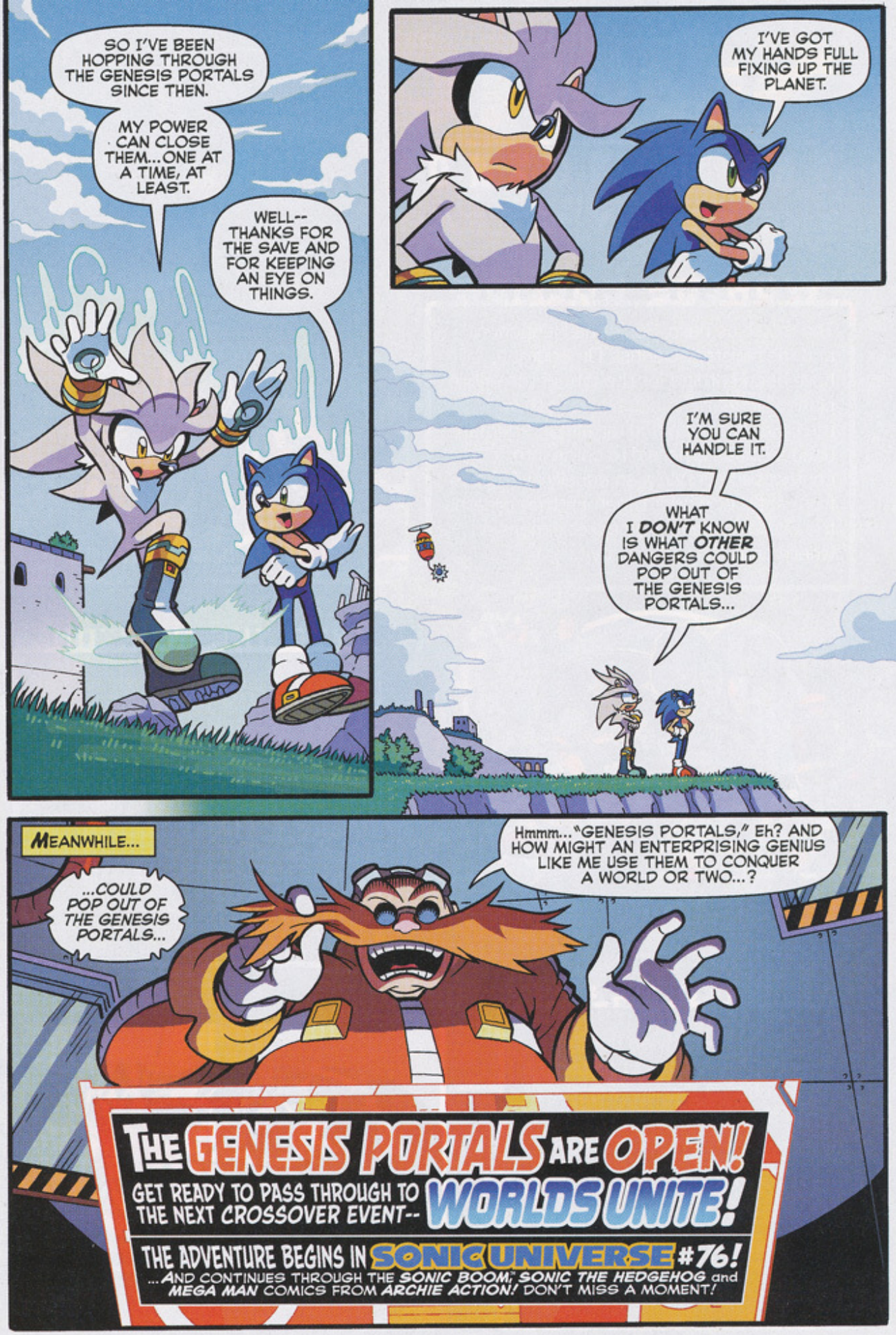
*SEE "WORLDS COLLIDE" VOL. 3 --Editor



MY RESEARCH SHOWS THAT REALITY WAS SHATTERED! UND IN THE PROCESS, ITS "SHARDS" TORE HOLES THROUGH THE "FABRIC" OF SPACE-TIME.

THESE HOLES-- THESE "GENESIS PORTALS"--LEAD TO ENTIRELY DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS. WHOLE UNIVERSES DIFFERENT UND SEPARATE FROM OUR OWN. CAN YOU IMAGINE?!

NOT... REALLY? YOU'RE THE PROFESSOR, NOT ME.
TRUE, BUT YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE POWER. UND I'M WORRIED THESE "GENESIS PORTALS" COULD LEAD TO CHAOS ACROSS OUR UNIVERSE AND TIMELINE!
I NEED YOU TO LOOK INTO THESE FOR ME, MY FRIEND...


SO I'VE BEEN HOPPING THROUGH THE GENESIS PORTALS SINCE THEN.
MY POWER CAN CLOSE THEM...ONE AT A TIME, AT LEAST.
WELL-- THANKS FOR THE SAVE AND FOR KEEPING AN EYE ON THINGS.
I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL FIXING UP THE PLANET.
I'M SURE YOU CAN HANDLE IT.
WHAT I DON'T KNOW IS WHAT OTHER DANGERS COULD POP OUT OF THE GENESIS PORTALS...
MEANWHILE...
...COULD POP OUT OF THE GENESIS PORTALS...
Hmmm... "GENESIS PORTALS," Eh? AND HOW MIGHT AN ENTERPRISING GENIUS LIKE ME USE THEM TO CONQUER A WORLD OR TWO...?
THE GENESIS PORTALS ARE OPEN!
GET READY TO PASS THROUGH TO THE NEXT CROSSOVER EVENT-- WORLDS UNITE!
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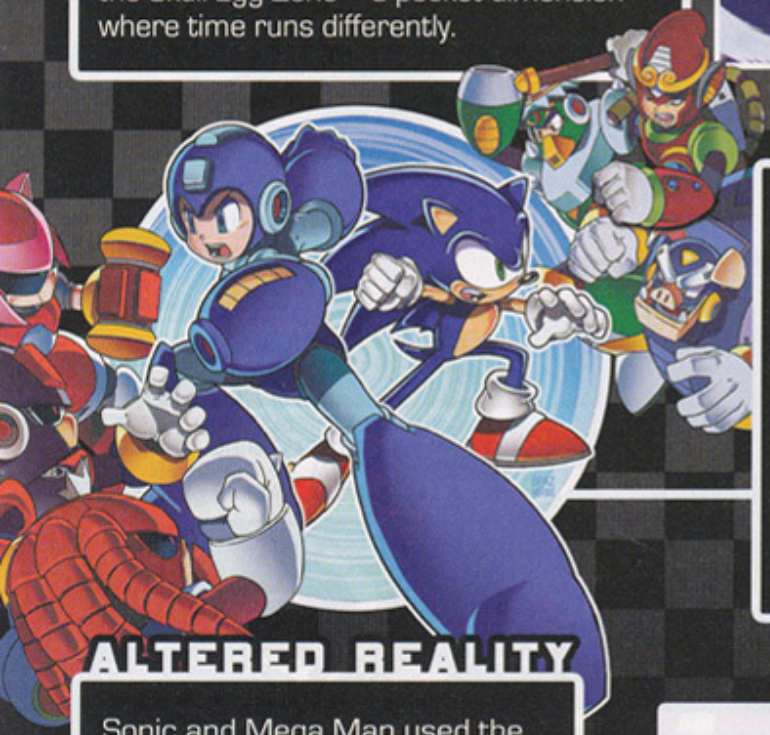
THE STORY SO FAR...

WORLDS COLLIDE

The true blue hero, Sonic the Hedgehog, and the sinister scientist, Dr. Eggman, have been battling for the fate of the entire planet for years! In a scheme to thwart the Blue Blur once and for all, Dr. Eggman used a Chaos Emerald to come into contact with Dr. Wily, an equally evil genius from another world. Together, they created the Skull Egg Zone -- a pocket dimension where time runs differently.



INTO THE WARZONE

The mad doctors kidnapped Sonic's friends and turned them into the fearsome Roboticized Masters! Sonic and his newfound ally, Mega Man, teamed up to revert the malicious machines and put an end to the doctors' plot to rule over time and space! Their teamwork proved successful and soon the two blue heroes were at the doorstep of the doctors' base. It was their final assault.

ALTERED REALITY

Sonic and Mega Man used the power of the Chaos Emeralds to super-charge themselves and send the vile villains packing. Mega Man restored his world, but Sonic wasn't so lucky. In a last ditch effort to hinder his hated foe, Dr. Eggman interrupted Sonic's Chaos Control -- inadvertently altering reality itself!

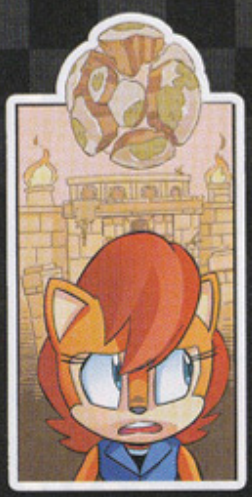
SYSTEM RESET

Waking up to an alternate world was quite the shock. Sonic's memories of his old world faded away and new memories of the altered reality took their place. On top of that, strange tremors were occurring all over the planet!

Although he was concerned about the situation, the Blue Blur knew that as long as he and his friends were together, they could overcome any obstacle! With the help of the his best buddy Tails and the A.I. Nicole, Sonic regathered the Freedom Fighters.

THE SHATTERED WORLD

Just when things started to take a turn for the better, Sonic's world began to tear itself apart. The instability of reality caused by the Super Genesis Wave triggered this planet-sized catastrophe... and it could spell the end for Sonic's world!



PICKING UP THE PIECES

To restore their broken world, Sonic and the Freedom Fighters must collect the seven Chaos Emeralds and bring them to the mystical Gaia Temples. Their combined power is the key to fixing the planet-sized jigsaw puzzle. The search has taken Sonic to wondrous lands (both above and BELOW water!) and despite the circumstances, there hasn't been too much interference from Dr. Eggman... until now.

AND THE STORY CONTINUES...

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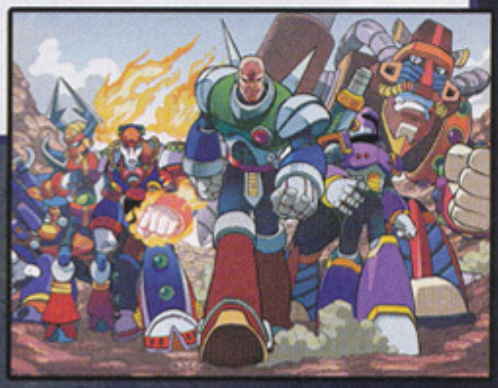
FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

Fast forward one hundred years into the future, where Dr. Light's final creation, X, has been awakened by Dr. Cain. Using X as a basis, Dr. Cain produced the first line of living robots -- the Reploids! Now Reploids coexist with humanity -- living, working and dying. A special force of Reploids, called the "Maverick Hunters" were also formed and work to ensure that any rogue Reploids are kept in check.



AN EVIL FROM THE PAST

Sometime after the Reploids' production, Dr. Cain and X visited an archaeological dig site -- the remains of the very same weapons lab Mega Man was sent to investigate in the past! In the rubble, they find the remains of the dreaded Wily Walker! The Maverick Hunters team up to shut down the monstrous machine permanently, before the Walker can unleash its dangerous chemical weapons.

RISE OF THE MAVERICKS

With the protection of the Maverick Hunters, life for human and robot-kind was peaceful. But then everything changed when Sigma, the leader of the Maverick Hunters, went Maverick himself.

With most of the Hunters also turning Maverick, it's up to X and his best friend, Zero, to contain the chaos that Sigma has **unleashed on the world...**

AND THE STORY CONTINUES...

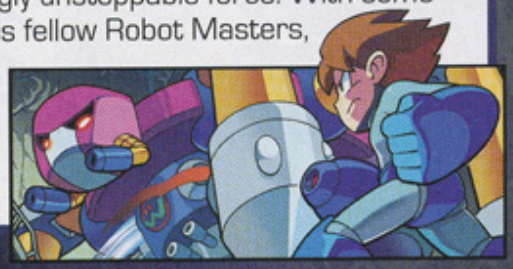
MEGA MAN™

THE STORY SO FAR...

Mega Man was originally built as the helper robot "Rock" by Dr. Thomas Light. After Dr. Light's friend and fellow scientist, Dr. Wily, tried to take over the world using the all-powerful Robot Masters, Mega Man pledged to become a defender of both man and robot-kind.

THE ADVENTURES OF THE SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT!

Mega Man's promise sent him on the hunt for eight rogue Robot Masters and the precious Energy Elements that they stole. His search brought him to a long-lost weapons bunker built by Dr. Wily. Inside, he found the Wily Walker -- a mobile weapons platform of terrible power and seemingly unstoppable force. With some help from his fellow Robot Masters, Mega Man shut down the Wily Walker.



A BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL

Dr. Wily's latest bid for world domination resulted in the destruction of Light Labs, and a loss of innocence for our blue hero. Despite it all, Mega Man battles on to protect the world, and his family, from threats both without and within...

"THERE'S NO WAY HE'S ACTUALLY SEEN THE FUTURE...RIGHT?"
YOU'LL SEE! YOU'LL SEE, JUST LIKE I HAVE! AND THEN I'LL FIND A WAY TO SAVE US ALL! NO MATTER HOW MANY LIVES IT TAKES!
THE WAIT IS OVER!
CRAZY OR NOT, XANDER IS RIGHT!
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"...BUT WHATEVER HE SAW THERE..."
YOU! YOU SURVIVED?! YOU LED THE REVOLUTION, DIDN'T YOU?! YOU BROUGHT THIS ALL UPON US!!!
LISTEN TO ME, BROTHERS AND SISTERS! I SEE NOW THAT I'VE FAILED YOU. BUT REST ASSURED--I WILL NOT FAIL AGAIN!
I HAVE SEEN MY FUTURE--YOUR PRESENT MISERY. I AM VINDICATED. I WILL HAVE TO CHANGE MY TACTICS, MAYBE SACRIFICE MY IDEALS, BUT I PROMISE YOU THIS:
I WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO STOP THE ROBOTS FROM TAKING OVER!
THIS MAN IS THE FIRST TIME-TRAVELER IN HISTORY! ER, RELATIVELY SPEAKING.
WHAT DID YOU SEE WHEN YOU WENT INTO THE PAST?
NOT PAST... MESSED UP...WENT FORWARD...
WRONG... IT ALL GOES WRONG... AND I HAVE TO STOP IT...
"...REALLY MESSED HIM UP!"
I'LL BE OUT SOON ENOUGH. I CROSSED OVER ONCE. I'LL DO IT AGAIN.
IT'S FATE. IT'S DESTINY. A LOOP. THE HANDS GO AROUND THE CLOCK. BUT THEY NEVER REALLY GET ANYWHERE.
SCRITCH-SCRITCH

BLAM!
"HE WAS TRACKED TO THE CHRONOS INSTITUTE WHERE HE USED AN EXPERIMENTAL TIME MACHINE!"
NO! YOU CAN'T STOP ME!
BLAM!
SEE YOU IN THE HISTORY BOOKS, AGENTS.
VMMMM
VORP!
WHAT IS--?
NO... HELP...!
AUGH!
WAIT! WAIT! DON'T --!
FIRE!
"THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM IN THE TIMESTREAM..."

UM...XANDER? ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? I MEAN, BLOWING UP THE BALL IS ONE THING, BUT THE PEOPLE...? THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG...
"TOGETHER, THEY SET OFF A BOMB DOWNTOWN DURING NEW YEAR'S!"
THIS BOMB WILL BE A VICTORY FOR OUR CAUSE! I'LL BE REMEMBERED AS A MARTYR! A VISIONARY!
TEN
NINE
EIGHT
DEET DEET DEET
"I STOPPED THEM WITH THE HELP OF MY FEDERAL AGENT FRIENDS, BUT XANDER ESCAPED AGAIN!"
"HIS RAGE GREW MORE AND MORE OUT OF CONTROL WITH EACH ENCOUNTER. IT DROVE HIM TO DO SOMETHING DESPERATE..."

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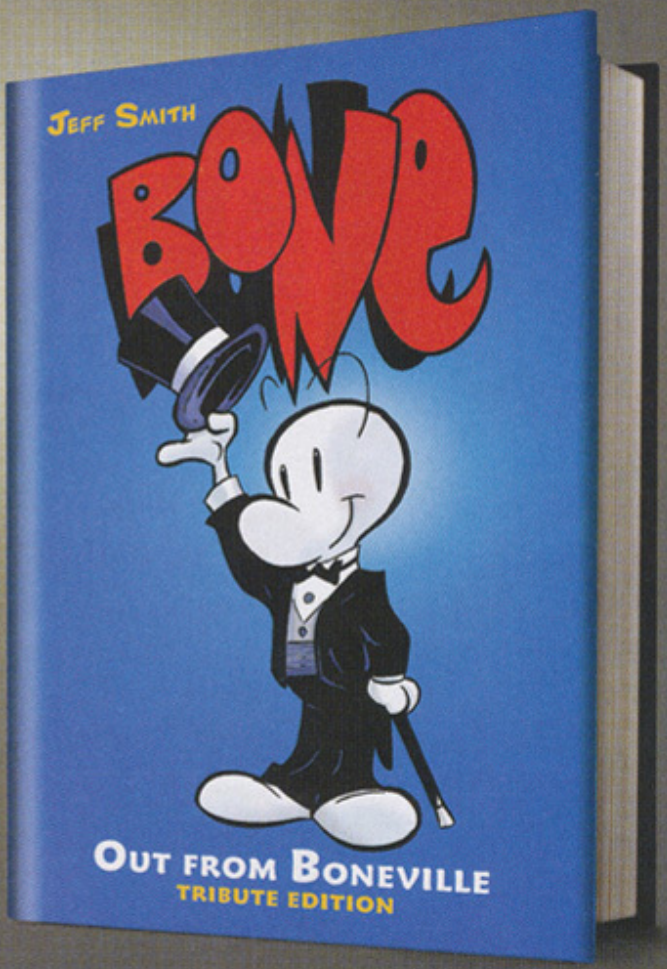

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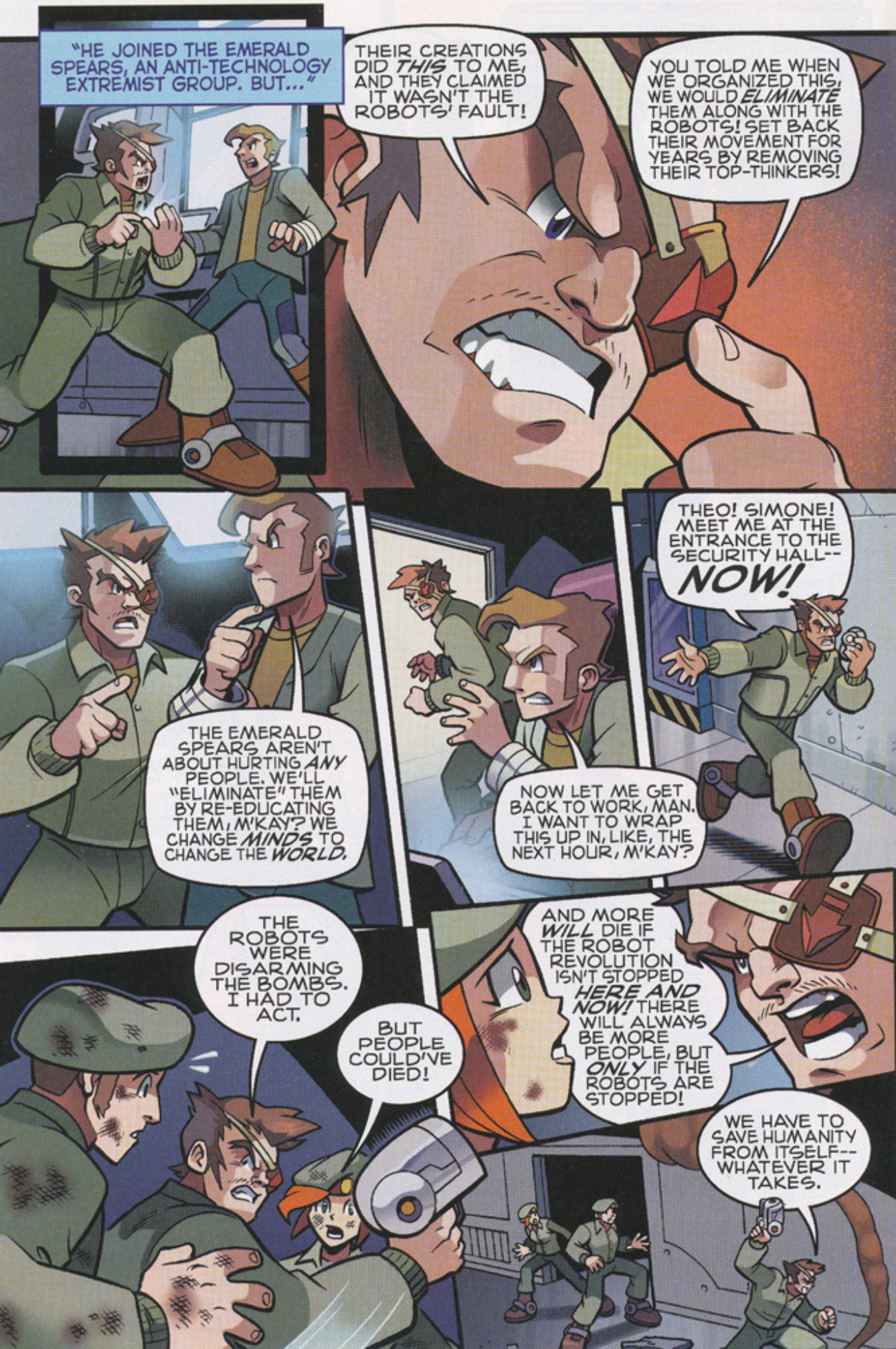
"I FOUGHT HIM..."
WATCH THESE GUYS WHILE WE FINISH RESCUING THE DOCTORS.
YIPE!
GET TO THE ESCAPE TUNNEL!
BE ON GUARD WHEN WE GET TO THE HOTEL. THE POLICE ARE PROBABLY ALL OVER THE PLACE BY NOW.
RIGHT. WE CAN'T RISK BEING CAUGHT NOW. THE EMERALD SPEARS HAVE TO ENDURE TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE...
...WHATEVER IT TAKES.
"...BUT HE ESCAPED WITH HIS BROTHER, THEO, AND THE EX-AGENT SIMONE."

"...THEY WEREN'T EXTREME *ENOUGH* FOR HIM!"
LISTEN UP, DOCTORS. MY NAME IS XANDER PAYNE. I'VE JUST PROMOTED MYSELF TO THE HEAD OF THE EMERALD SPEARS. I'LL GIVE YOU THIS SECOND TO MAKE PEACE WITH YOURSELVES. THEN IT'S ALL OVER FOR YOU AND YOUR PRECIOUS ROBOTS.
"HE TRIED TO BLOW UP ME, DR. LIGHT AND MANY OTHER ROBOTS AND SCIENTISTS!"
WAH BOOM!


"HE JOINED THE EMERALD SPEARS, AN ANTI-TECHNOLOGY EXTREMIST GROUP. BUT..."
THEIR CREATIONS DID *THIS* TO ME, AND THEY CLAIMED IT WASN'T THE ROBOTS' FAULT!
YOU TOLD ME WHEN WE ORGANIZED THIS, WE WOULD *ELIMINATE* THEM ALONG WITH THE ROBOTS! SET BACK THEIR MOVEMENT FOR YEARS BY REMOVING THEIR TOP-THINKERS!
THE EMERALD SPEARS AREN'T ABOUT HURTING *ANY* PEOPLE. WE'LL "ELIMINATE" THEM BY RE-EDUCATING THEM, M'KAY? WE CHANGE *MINDS* TO CHANGE THE *WORLD.*
NOW LET ME GET BACK TO WORK, MAN. I WANT TO WRAP THIS UP IN, LIKE, THE NEXT HOUR, M'KAY?
THEO! SIMONE! MEET ME AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE SECURITY HALL-- *NOW!*
THE ROBOTS WERE DISARMING THE BOMBS. I HAD TO ACT.
BUT PEOPLE COULD'VE DIED!
AND MORE *WILL* DIE IF THE ROBOT REVOLUTION ISN'T STOPPED *HERE AND NOW!* THERE WILL ALWAYS BE MORE PEOPLE, BUT *ONLY* IF THE ROBOTS ARE STOPPED!
WE HAVE TO SAVE HUMANITY FROM ITSELF-- WHATEVER IT TAKES.

"XANDER WOULDN'T WAIT FOR ME TO STOP THE ROBOT MASTERS. HE TRIED TO FIGHT THEM HIMSELF. IT COST HIM DEARLY."
NONE WILL OPPOSE DR. WILY!
AAAAAAH!
ARE YOU FAMILY?
YESSIR! THEO PAYNE! SAVE MY BROTHER!
I'M SORRY, XANDER!... I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TWO EYES!
WE CAN'T SAVE HIS EYE. AN IMPLANT WON'T BE PRETTY, BUT...
IT'S OKAY! HE NEEDS TO SEE TO FIGHT THE BAD ROBOTS!
AND IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE ALL ROBOT NOW...
"XANDER WAS BITTER, AND SOUGHT REVENGE FOR WHAT HE FELT HE WAS ROBBED OF."
"BUT HE DIDN'T JUST TAKE IT OUT ON THOSE WHO WRONGED HIM..."
"...HE TOOK IT OUT ON ALL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, AND THOSE WHO DEVELOP IT."

"I DIDN'T REALIZE IT AT THE TIME, BUT I MET XANDER MANY MONTHS AGO. HE WAS A SOLDIER FIGHTING DR. WILY'S FIRST TAKEOVER ATTEMPT!"
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING THAT CAN STOP THIS DR. WILY GUY.
YEAH, WE'D NEED A MIRACLE-- WHAT WAS THAT?!
BWOO-WIP!
THE TELEPORTER WORKS, DR. LIGHT. I'M DOWNTOWN ALREADY.
YOU HEARD HIM! HE'S GOING TO FIGHT THAT ROBOT MASTER FOR US!
HELLO!
MAYBE YOU MISHEARD! MAYBE IT'S ALL A CUNNING TRAP!
THANKS, DOCTOR LIGHT.
?

XANDER PAYNE... THE ONE MAN AS CRAZY AND AS DANGEROUS AS DR. WILY!
ALTHOUGH LATELY, I'VE HEARD HE'S GOTTEN CRAZIER...
FEDERAL PRISON, MAXIMUM SECURITY WING...
HE SEEMS CONTENT TO JUST USE THE SHIV FOR GRAFFITI. IF HE STARTS MARKING HIMSELF, WE'LL MOVE HIM TO A PADDED CELL.
OKAY. MAYBE WE'LL GET DR. WILY FOR HIS ROOMMATE.
YOU DON'T BELIEVE WILY'S STORY ABOUT RA MOON?
DO YOU?
OH, WILY WILL HAVE HIS RECKONING. WE ALL WILL. THE TIME WILL COME, AND WORLDS WILL COLLIDE AGAIN...

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MEGA MAN
SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT

XANDER PAYNE
JAILED LEADER OF THE EMERALD SPEARS TERRORIST GROUP

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THE FIRST LIVING ROBOT

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THE WORLD OF PAYNE

Xander Payne was once a soldier fighting to protect mankind from the dangers of the world.

When an accident cost him his eye, Xander's outlook turned from protection to anger.

Through his terrorist organization, known as the Emerald Spears, Xander grows ever closer to his goal:

to finally destroy Mega Man and all of robot-kind, whatever the cost...

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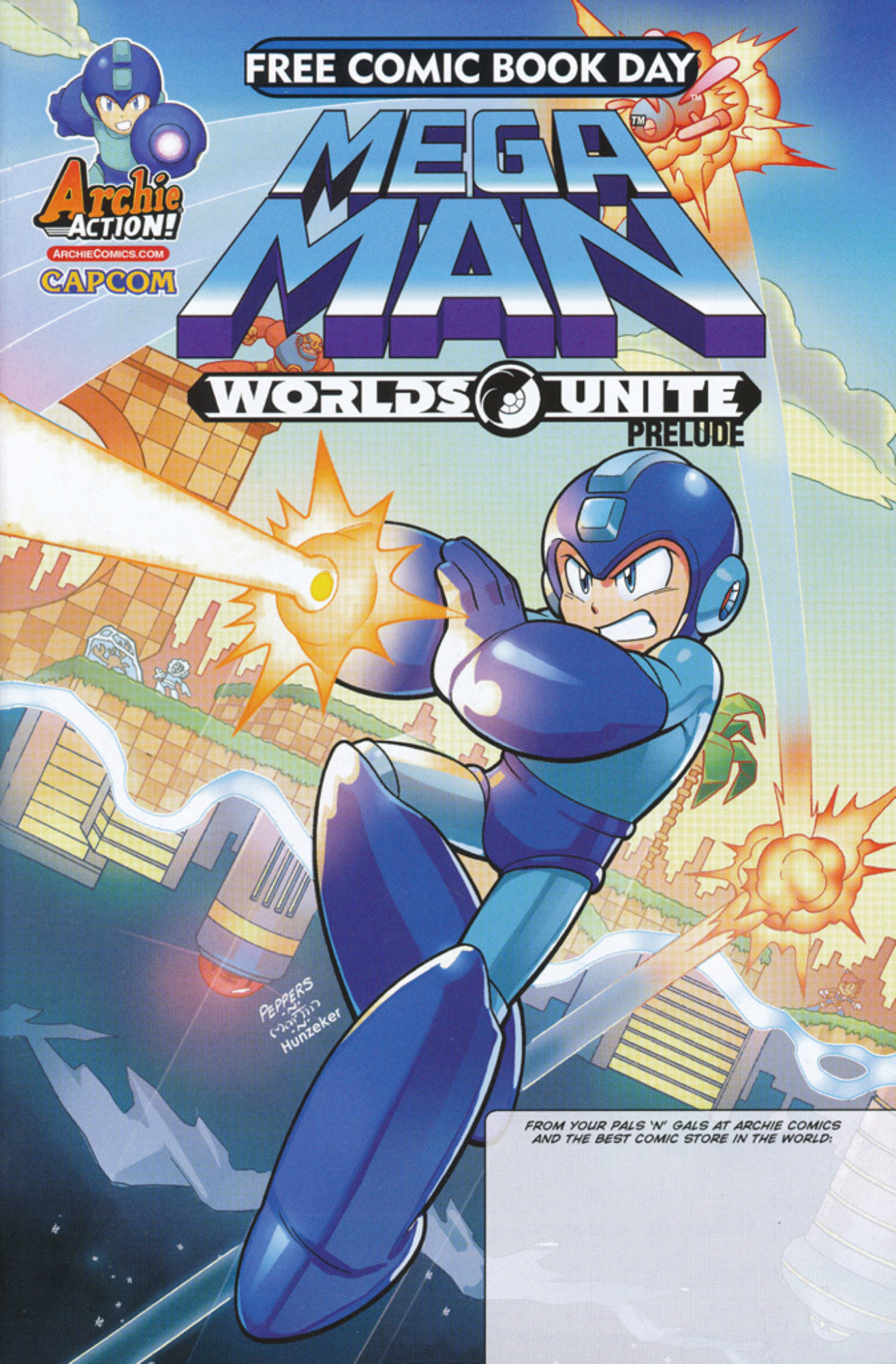
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